

Tokyo Forum, 1999

*The Tokyo Forum for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament was organized in August 1998 at the initiative of the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Ryutaro Hashimoto and was continued by his successor, Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi. Its 21 members were experts drawn from 15 countries, including all the nuclear-weapon states. The four meetings of the Forum were held in Tokyo; Hiroshima; Pocantico, New York; and again in Tokyo. In July 1999 the Forum issued its report, **Facing Nuclear Dangers: An Action Plan for the 21st Century.***

[<http://www.nuclearfiles.org/docs/1999/990725facingnucleardangers.html>]

Recommendations

The key recommendations of the Tokyo Forum are as follows:

1. Stop and reverse the unraveling of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty regime by reaffirming the treaty's central bargain.
2. Eliminate nuclear weapons through phased reductions.
3. Bring the nuclear test ban into force.
4. Revitalize START and expand the scope of nuclear reductions.
5. Adopt nuclear transparency measures.
6. Zero nuclear weapons on hair-trigger alert.
7. Control fissile material, especially in Russia.
8. Prevent weapons of mass destruction from falling into the hands of extremist, fanatical or criminal groups.
9. Strengthen measures against missile proliferation.
10. Exercise caution on missile defense deployments.
11. Stop and reverse proliferation in South Asia.
12. Eliminate weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.
13. Eliminate nuclear and missile dangers on the Korean Peninsula.
14. No vetoes in support of proliferation in the United Nations Security Council.
15. Revitalize the Conference on Disarmament.

16. Strengthen verification for disarmament.

17. Create effective non-compliance mechanisms for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.